

# Stream Channel Protection

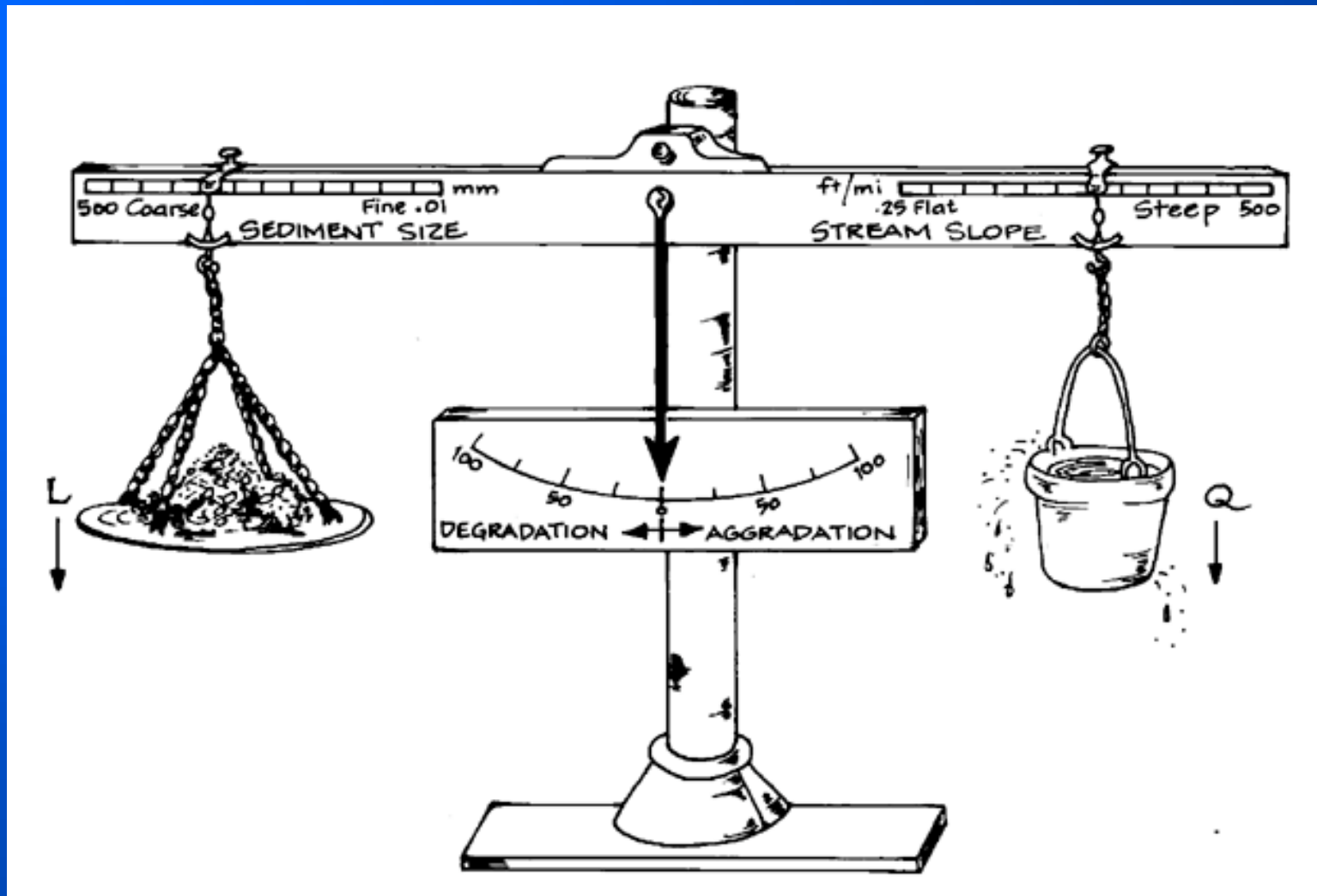
Morphological disruptions primarily due to changes in hydrology

- Channel widening and downcutting
- Increased streambank erosion
- Shifting sediment bars
- Imbedding of stream sediments
- Past channelization



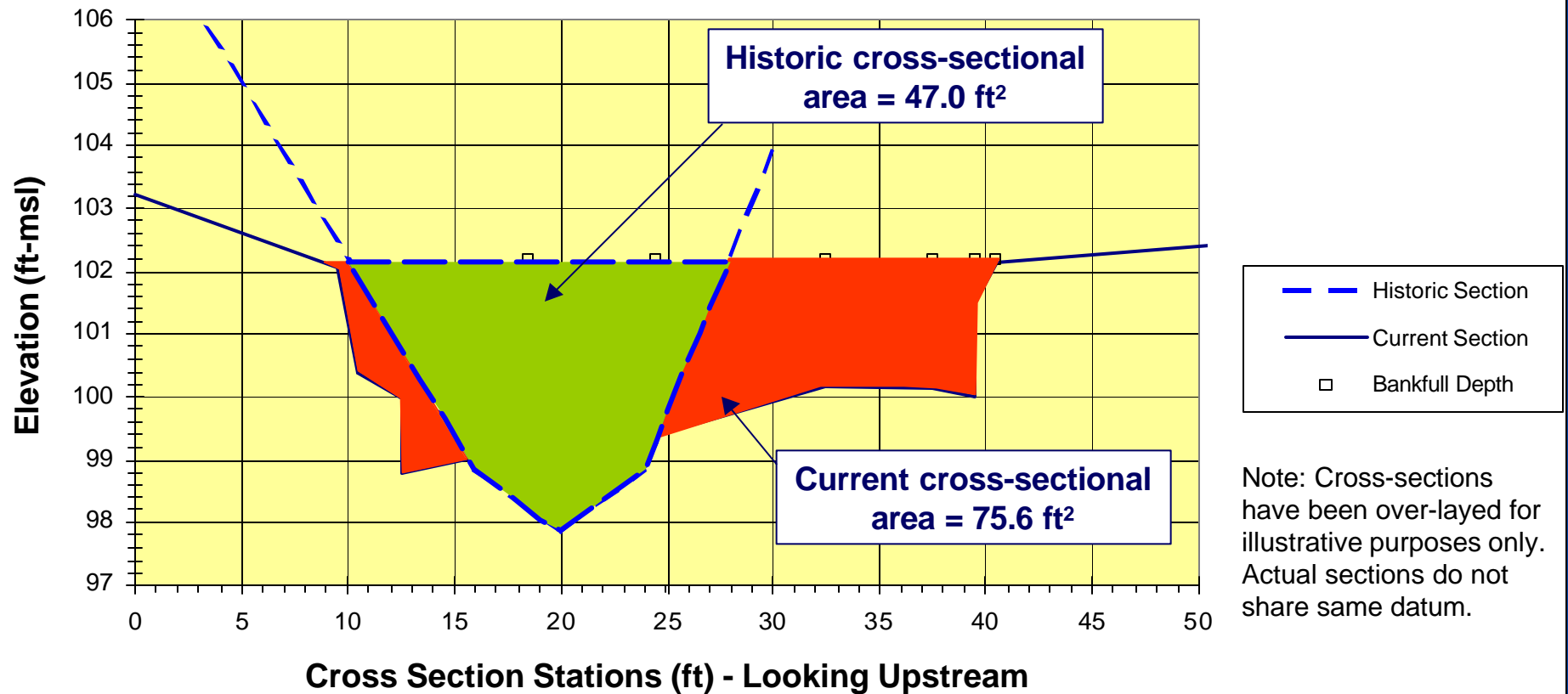
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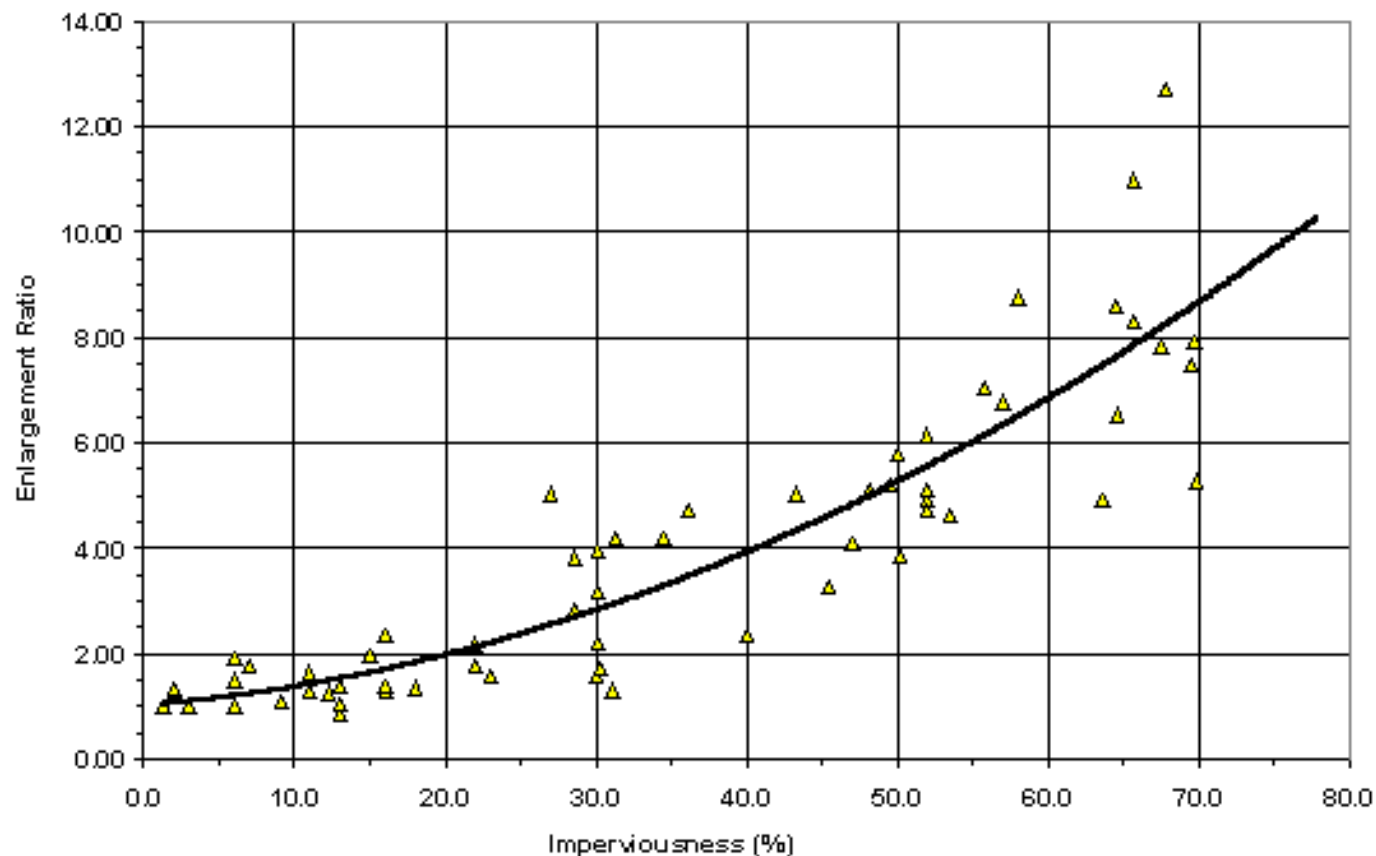


**Sediment Load and Size Balanced Against  
Stream Flowrate and Slope  
(Source: adapted from Lane, 1955)**

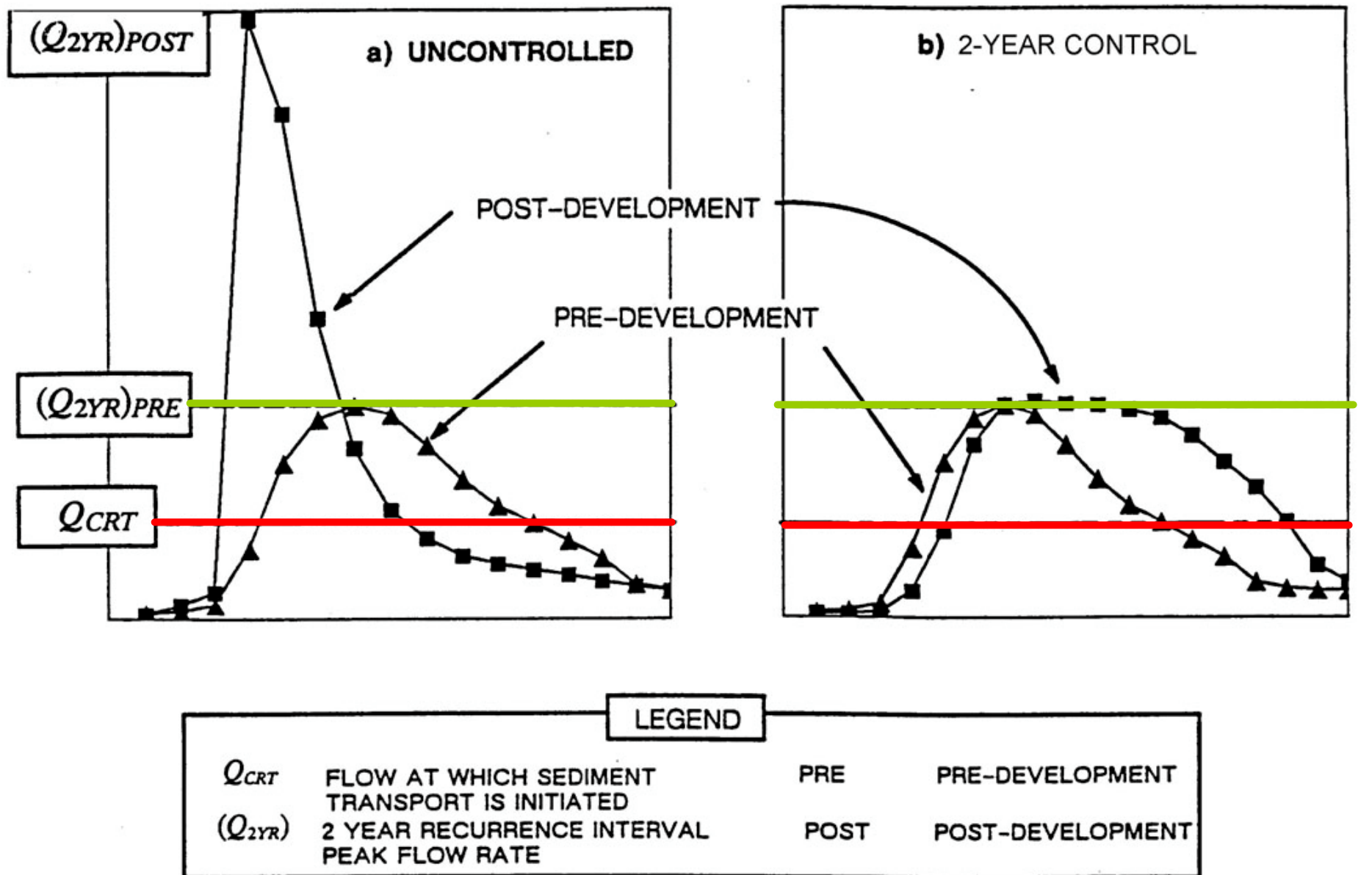
## Comparison of Historic vs. Current Cross-Sections at Station POT1



# Channel Enlargement as a Function of Impervious Cover



# Conventional 2 Year Peak Flow Control Approach







Source: Leopold, 1994







# Channel Protection ( $Cp_v$ )

Criteria: reduce erosion in downstream channels by detaining bankfull and sub-bankfull flows

- Traditional 2-year criteria has not achieved this goal

- Proposed Criteria:

- 12 to 24 hr detention of the 1-yr, 24-hr storm (between 2.0-2.4 inches)
- Distributed Runoff Control (i.e., site-specific geomorphic analysis)

- Requirement does not apply to:

- Sites with less than 1 acre of impervious cover
- Direct discharge situations